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[Order on 1-year Extension Request.pdf](#)

Hi all, CSAMP is back for another year, see attached. The next CAMT meeting is on 3/18.

The order is:

"For the reasons set forth above, all deadlines in both the Consolidated Smelt and Consolidated Salmonid cases are again extended by one year. On or before February 14, 2015, the parties shall submit a joint status report to the Court detailing the further progress that has been made in connection with the CSAMP. A final, additional one year extension will be considered at that time.

In the interim, the parties shall submit brief, interim joint status reports every four months, with the first due on June 14, 2014 and the second on October 14, 2014, in accordance with the instructions set forth above.

In addition, within seven days of any ruling by the Ninth Circuit in the Delta Smelt Consolidated Cases, the parties are directed to file a joint status report outlining their respective positions on the impact of any such ruling on these consolidated cases."

There is also quite a bit of additional interesting text in the attached, e.g. this bit:

"The proposed conditions regarding the imposition of a process for the "structured development" of the new BiOps are entirely without foundation in the law. Nothing in the ESA requires the agencies to structure the development of BiOps in any particular manner, nor does the ESA require the agencies to collaborate with interested third parties in the development of the BiOps. The Court has always understood the CSAMP process to be a parallel one, whereby the parties would attempt to collaborate to develop new scientific understandings that may or may not result in additions or clarifications to the "best available science." It is the "best scientific and commercial data available," not "the results of the CSAMP," which must be utilized in any BiOp. See 16 U.S.C. § 1536. How the wildlife agencies intend to draw upon the results of CSAMP in the BiOps is, at least in the first instance, the business of those expert agencies."

Greetings, Anke

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